



WESTONARIA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)
TOWARDS 2016
2012/2013 FINANCIAL YEAR
PREFACE



The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) reflects on a 5-year period and is reviewed annually to align it with major changes which occurred or might influence the execution of the strategic plan of Council.

The Draft IDP and Budget is to be approved by the end of March 2012. The community consultation processes on the annual budget and IDP was held 31 January to 23 February 2012. The final IDP and Budget are to be approved by the end of May 2012 enabling implementation of the Budget and IDP by 1 July 2012.

Local Government Elections

Local Government elections were held on 18 May 2011. Westonaria Local Municipality is one of the few municipalities where 38% of its Councillors returned to Council retaining the knowledge and skills base. Councillors serving on Council a term or two ago once again returned to politics as Chief Whip. The Executive Mayor, Cllr Nonkoliso Tundzi, initially served as an Executive Committee Member at Westonaria Local Municipality but was deployed to the West Rand District Municipality (WRDM). With her return to home territory her experience gained she mentors the new comers, in fact the municipality in its entirety.

Delimitation of Ward Boundaries for the 2011 Local Elections

The aim of the delimitation process by the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) was to bring voting stations closer to the people and ensure that there are, on average, an equal number of registered voters in each of the wards and in the case of Westonaria, the number of voters per ward have to be between 2702 and 3655.

It is to be noted that the ward boundaries within a number of wards have changed to achieve the above-mentioned goal.

A new Ward 16 was established and the existing Council of 29 Councillors was extended to 31 Councillors made up of Ward Councillors and the Proportional Representative Councillors.

Outcome 9 for Local Government

Westonaria Local Municipality is perceived to be government closes to the people. During the public participation process residents of the wards report on service delivery,

lost identity books, application for social grants, schools and transport needed for their children.

During the 2009/10 financial year performance management was put in the spotlight. The Cabinet in January 2010 adopted the 12 outcomes outlining service delivery, priorities and targets to be met by Ministers of Cabinet. These 12 outcomes had to be considered when preparing the Budget and IDP for 2011/12, however bigger emphasis was placed on Outcome 9 focussing on the local government environment. Outcome 9 will be addressed in more detail in Section C.

Towards Vision 2016

With the local government election held on 18 May 2011, new Council was appointed and a new cycle for the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) was entered.

Although the new Council decided to go with the former Council's Integrated Development Plan, the new Council took the opportunity to have its own strategic planning session held in September 2011 paving the way for the years to come.

Whilst preparing the Integrated Development Plan and Budget for 2012/13 to 2015/2016 financial years major events and documents were considered, in particular the West Rand Wide Vision 2016 Strategic Framework.

The West Rand District Municipality convened a follow-up three day workshop during September 2010 on the workshop held in February 2010 to develop a Strategic Framework allowing for the West Rand with its municipalities to become a Metro by 2016.

The essence of a Metro is a single governance structure for a particular geographical area with integrated governance systems, powers and functions.

The benefits of becoming a Metro by 2016 will assist the region to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), support the Gauteng Global City Region concept; will improve resource management and service delivery.

During the workshop strategic action plans were put in place and committees were re-aligned to ensure delivery takes place.

Westonaria Local Municipality Strategic Plan

Westonaria Local Municipality on 8 and 9 September 2011 held a strategic workshop where the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats were identified. A new vision, mission, strategic goals and objectives and core values were developed to align it to the strategic plan of the West Rand.

New format for the IDP

Integrated Development Plan will be presented in a different format better aligning it with the District Municipality.

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